Misuse of ASB Funds Charged

By EIRAM POLLARD
Editor-in-Chief

Charges of alleged misuse of student body funds have been leveled at Larry Ervin, Commissioner of Black Ethnic Studies by Joe Jones, president of the Black Student Union, in a letter to Ray Follosco, coordinator of student affairs.

LARRY ERVIN

The incident stemmed from circumstances related to the funding of a buffet for Martin Luther King Day, which was put on by the BSU.

"I came to Larry before the event and asked if the Associated Student Body would pay for our buffet," said Jones. "He told me that he would take it out of his budget, but that I would have to put out the $150 necessary. He promised that I would be reimbursed. When the time came later on, he told me that he would only put the purchase request through if he got back $50 of that $150."

Ervin repeatedly denied this statement, claiming that the $50 which he accepted from Jones was in the form of a loan. "All his accusations are dead wrong. They are all false and were made for personal reasons," said Ervin.

Jones remarked, "It was no loan, absolutely not."

There has been a long-standing dislike between the two according to Follosco.

The incident first came out into the open when Jones finally circulated a letter, directed to Follosco, and sent to various high-ranking officials of the college, claiming that Ervin had circulated flyers about BSU elections and that he had no authority to do so.

James Micko, ASB advisor, received a letter from Jones more than two months ago indicating that this alleged violation had occurred.

"He told me not to make a formal complaint. He said that he would handle it low tone and keep an eye on Ervin," Jones said, when asked hos Micko responded to the letter.

Jones claimed that he paid the $50 in the form of two $25 installments and that he has produced a receipt signed by Ervin to substantiate his claim.

Jones gave Star permission to see the letter; however, Micko reported that such permission was not given and that even if it was he would not present the letter for inspection.

"I must protect this student. At the moment, this charge is unsubstantiated. Whether we seek substantiation depends on whether Jones pursues the matter," commented Micko.

Mike Moline, ASB president, and several other council members, have come out in support of Ervin. "To my understanding, it is Jones' fault with the information which I have gathered up to date," Moline commented.

Micko remarked, "I don't know if it would be a civil matter. He could be removed, by the council or the administration." William Lewis, dean of students and community services, remarked that there are several things which may happen if the allegations prove to be true.

The matter may go before the AS Supreme Court, in which case he may face removal or penalties.

In a second possible recourse the case may be referred to Follosco, who is the college's disciplinary official. This is the most likely possibility. It would contain two stages: the preliminary and, if necessary, a full hearing.

Follosco then makes his recommendations to College President Alice Thurston. The student is allowed to appeal. He may then receive anything from a warning to a reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

"I have no proof that Larry is guilty, so I have to assume that he is innocent," said Micko.

Richard Cowsill, a student activist who is running for student body president for '79-'80 school year, remarked, "It's a game to get Larry because he's trying to get the Blacks organized on campus."

"Jones had me thrown off BSU after trying to sway me to resign," said Ervin. "But I didn't resign, so he had me thrown off the council. After he threw me out, hardly anyone came back, but I kept coming," said Ervin.

"Jones has been very upset since I defeated him for the office of Commissioner of Black Ethnic Studies," continued Ervin. "That is why he is doing this to me."

JOE JONES

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PA Broadcasts Draw Complaints

By MATHIEU ELLIS
Council Editor

Because of complaints from faculty members and faults with the machinery Valley's new public address system will only broadcast campus events once daily, at 7:56 a.m.

Broadcasts will include student government elections, sporting events, theater arts and any news that directly affects Valley.

In a petition to Jeff Purchin, commissioner off intramural sports and Dean William Lewis, Professor David Jones and 21 other persons complained that this is "yet another sign of our coming age, of our having outgrown the puerile epithet, 'a high school with ashtrays.' This and the omnipresent, cacophonous bells lend a certain attic grace that is surely the envy of Harvard and Berkeley."

One of the big complaints is that not all of the clocks on campus are syncronized, and therefore when the broadcast is made, it has disturbed some classes. According to Professor Jones, "on Tuesday, at 6 p.m., while I was in the midst of discussion on student compositions, your project began its own line of communication; first, Alpha Beta symphonies, then hard rock, and then station identification, at which point I had to leave the class to correct the problem."

According to Dean Lewis, the continuation of the program depends on how valuable it is, not if the mechanical problem can be overcome. Everytime a broadcast is made, there are over 100 switches that have to be turned on, and after the broadcast, they have to be turned off.

Purchin said that he has heard very few complaints, out of 700 faculty members. "If any teachers have any complaints, then we won't turn the broadcast on in their classrooms. I think that its here to stay if we do it the right way by following policies and regulations."

Because the system has not been used in such a long time, there will be many mistakes made. According to Dean Lewis," a problem that could prove insurmountable, if not resolved, is that the switching system has a massive built-in set of errors."

STUDENTS JOIN TOGETHER

Threat of Tuition Raises Protest

By MATHIEU ELLIS
Council Editor

Valley College will be surrounded by a wall of people next Thursday, May 10 at 11 or 12 a.m. in protest of tuition and support of Senate Bill 1551 which calls for the student member of the Board of Trustees to have a vote.

"We want to let our state and local leaders know that we are against tuition by having television, radio and newspaper reporters at the scene," said Richard Cowsill, chairman of Students Mobolized Against Tuition.

"Chancellor Koltai said that tuition would be $150. Even if he is wrong and we are charged $25, once the precedent on tuition is established there will be no control or boundaries as to what the state can charge. Fees will undoubtably rise with time."

"The average age at Valley is 27, and it's going up. Our legislatures want people to get used to paying tuition so that as they get older and paying more property taxes, they will be used to paying tuition and not think twice about paying twice, through taxes and education," Cowsill explained.

"If tuition comes to the community colleges, we will witness a devastating increase in the cost of education at all levels, including the University of California and state college and university system.

"Also, the citizens of California will have to be responsible for the chaos and disorder caused by lower social and economic orders of peoples who will remain uneducated in tomorrow's modern society," Cowsill said.

"We are going to have civic leaders, educators, and students at the protest. We are also inviting Mayor Tom Bradley, Assemblyman Tom Bane and Senator Alan Robbins to the protest," added Cowsill.

The protestors will also be in support of Senate Bill 1551. "Everything is brought to us by the board of trustees. Students are best informed to know what is or isn't working on the college campus. By giving the student a vote, it will give the general student population a legal voice in the operations of the community college system," said Cowsill.

Reliable sources predict that this bill is destined to fail, though, because members of the board of trustees are lobbying to defeat the bill. It gives a vote to an appointed member of the board whereas other members are elected.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Opens Latin Awareness Week

By GIGI HOROWITZ
Staff Writer

Highlighting Latin Awareness Week, May 4-11, will be a Cinco de Mayo Celebration "Noche De La Raza" on Friday, May 4, in Monarch Hall from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

The celebration will include a theater group "Tribu De La Paz," and Grupo Folklorico de West L.A. featuring music and dancers. "Los Sencillos," a mariachi band, will perform traditional music of Mexico. Carlos Ortega will be the guest speaker and master of ceremonies.

Admission to the celebration is free. A car food donation is desired to help people from Rancho Sespe and who are on strike from the factories where they have worked for all their lives. The celebration is sponsored by MECHA and the Associated Student Body.

Then on Tuesday, May 8, high school seniors will tour the campus and participate in various programs. The highlight of the afternoon will be a free concert 11-noon in Monarch Hall featuring top-40 band "MYST" with special visual effects.

The L.A. rock group Soothsayer will perform on Thursday, May 10, at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

Also on Thursday, from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. in Physics 101, a color film entitled "Nicaragua, Patria Libre o Morir," showing the actual footage of the revolution present today in Nicaragua.

Star Named Finest Newspaper In State at JACC Convention

Valley Star has taken first place in the General Excellence category for a full-size paper from a large college at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges convention held in Fresno last weekend.

Judges called Star, "a well-written, well-edited newspaper. Round-ups of club, fine arts and sports news were well done." The award is given to the best paper in the state, it was won for issues for Fall '78.

Over 54 colleges competed in both mail-in and on-the-spot contests. Winners of first place awards in the mail-in categories were: Mike Eberts and Gigi Horowitz, for opinion writing; Josh Kaplan, for sports photo; Craig Molenhouse, for magazine photo and magazine photo essay. Other awards for mail-in included, Crown Magazine, photo story, essay story, and sports photo.

Twelve delegates were sent from Valley's Journalism Department to compete in on the spot writing and photography contests.

Ruth Korb, chief photographer for Crown Magazine, took first place for on-the-spot news photo. The judges remarked that Korb's photo was the only entry out of more than 75 to contain all four elements of the news story, in addition to having a strong sense of aesthetic quality.

GRADUATION PETITIONS DUE

Friday, May 4 at 4 p.m. is the deadline for filing petitions for graduation as of July 27, 1979 (summer). Petitions are available in the Credit Office, Room 127 of the Administration Building.

Activities Planned For Handicapped

A karate exhibition by the handicapped and a wheelchair basketball game are two of the events scheduled for Handicapped Awareness Week, May 7-11.

"I would like to make the community and non-handicapped persons aware of the limitations and abilities of handicapped people. They are more able than most people would think," said Wendy Woodard, commissioner of special limitations.

"There will be many speakers, displays and presentations during the week dealing with the handicapped students," added Woodard.

Other programs include "Who's Really Handicapped Sexually?" on Monday and "Sexuality" on Tuesday. There will also be an electric guitarist and a "special Olympics presentation."

"My committee and I have worked hard preparing for this awareness week, trying to make it informative, beneficial and interesting for all who attend. All of the presentations are free to everyone and I hope to have a large turnout," she said.

Flyers are being distributed around the campus and community to publicize the week. "I am also sending out personal letters to homes around the campus. A lot of informative literature will be distributed," said Woodard.

"One of the purposes of this awareness week is to get more involvement from the disabled students on campus. Of the 2,000 handicapped students on campus, only 10 have come to see me in my office in CC 100," complained Woodard.

In the future Woodard hopes to have weekly speakers discussing job opportunities for the handicapped, as well as handicapped related issues.

NO PAID I.D. NEEDED TO VOTE

Star wishes to correct an error in last week's issue in the article regarding Associated Student Body elections. A paid I.D. is not needed to vote in ASB elections.

Month Long Australia Expedition Offered For Valley College Students and Faculty

By CARLA GARAPEDIAN
Staff Writer

It's a first, luv.

Kangaroos, koalas, and the "caw" from the kookaburra tree. Frontier towns, riddled with Yankee tales of adventure. Gold. Cockney twangs. Aboriginees. Australia!

The first Valley College safari expedition ever to be planned will leave for Australia this summer, August 1 to August 28. It will be conducted by professors Ron Bigelow of biology, Richard Raskoff of geography and Lois Hamer, project manager of Community Services.

"If you want to see the real Australia, this is a real way to go," says Raskoff.

An island continent, Australia was cut off from the rest of the world for millions of years. As a result, a unique array of flora, fauna, and landscapes distinguish it from any other place in the world.

The Valley expedition will emphasize what makes Australia distinctive by observing the land and its people. Three units of course credit is available to students through independent study and to teachers in graduate study who can obtain credit through La Verne College.

On the 27 day expedition, explorers will travel on what is called a "wagon safari." Although a first for Valley, this kind of outdoors trip is a standardized form of travel in Australia. According to Raskoff this mode of travel includes an air conditioned touring bus towing a self-contained, mobile kitchen wagon with hot showers and cook included. All meals (except in Sydney) and camping equipment will be provided.

The safari is designed to cover the most exciting and accessible places on the continent, says Raskoff. A smattering of urban life in Sydney and Melbourne, frontier life in the interior and great Outback, and the area around the largest coral reef in the world will all be explored.

If one were to include the trip's stops at scenic national parks, unique geologic formations, the Great Barrier Reef, and the frontier towns, Australia's differing climates would be a draw to any traveler. As in all regions south of the equator, Australia's seasons are opposite those of the Northern Hemisphere. But to say "winter" is somewhat illusive. Travelers will actually move from Mediterranean weather to tropical, rainforest, and tropical grassland climates.

A brief rundown of the itinerary shows the following highlights: three days in Sydney, the larges urban center in Australia; over to the eastern Gold Coast; up to Brisbane and Rockhampton, famous for its fountains (and like Mazatlan in Mexico); up to the Great Barrier Reef with seven days exploring the islands (with lots of time for snorkeling, says Raskoff); a cruise through Whitsunday Passage; over to the historic Gulf of Carpinteria (tropical climate); back down through Simpson National Park (desert) to Birdsville (early pioneer settlement); Broken Hill (gold mining); Adelaide, and finally back to Sydney. If there are enough people, a possible stopover to Hawaii on the way home was mentioned by Raskoff.

The deadline for signing up for the safari is the end of this month. For further information, contact either professor.

BUNGLE IN THE JUNGLE?—Professor of Biology Ron Bigelow and Richard Raskoff, professor of geography, practice surviving in the wilderness in preparation for their safari expedition in Australia this summer. Star photo by Mike Volland

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STAR EDITORIALS

Protecting Our Privacy

President Carter recently asked Congress for legislation to protect Americans from several forms of invasion of privacy.

The request reverses a previous presidential position upholding the constitutionality of police searches of newspaper offices and would also grant individuals the right to review and correct most financial, medical, and research information on file with private creditors, insurers, and data-gathering firms.

In this age of computer-gathered and controlled information, Star feels that Carter's proposal is sound because it would give individuals some say in what information is given out about them.

The reversal of the administration's original position on privacy protection involved a case in which police searched the Stanford University student newspaper offices in Palo Alto for photographs of a student demonstration in which several officers were injured. The police had obtained a search warrant to inspect the newsroom.

The proposed legislation would ban such searches and seizures of the work of newsman, scholars, novelists, and others involved in the dissemination of information to the public. Exceptions would be made only if the person holding the material was suspected of having committed a crime, or if "life-endangering situations."

Carter told Congress that individuals should know what kind of medical and financial information is being collected about them, how it would be used, and to whom it would be disclosed. They should be able to see and obtain a copy of the records, correct any errors, and be able to prevent improper access to the records.

The Privacy of Medical Information Act would allow individuals to participate in decisions to disclose their medical records, with some limited exceptions for emergency uses.

The Privacy of Research Records Act would grant subjects of medical research confidentiality, except in medical emergency.

The Fair Financial Information Practices Act would give consumers the right to see and copy credit and investigative reports about them. Creditors would be required to inform individuals about their information collection and disclosure practices.

1984 is just around the corner. Legislation like that proposed by Carter would lessen the reaity of "big brother" control of personal information.

Giving Students a Voice

Currently the California Community College Trustee Association has a campaign going to defeat Assembly Bill 1551. AB 1551 is designed to give the student members of the boards of trustees throughout the state the right to vote and the right to attend executive sessions.

How can the trustees' primary concern be with the students when they are openly opposing a bill to establish partial student input?

Star feels that if the bill presently in the assembly is defeated, for whatever reasons, counter measures must be taken, with or without the support of the trustees and the administration. As it has been said dozens of times before, "If we are not for ourselves, who will be?"

If AS 1551 is defeated the most realistic alternative is to have an initiative placed on tthe June 1980 ballot which enables the general public to take an interest in the students. In an effort to plan for this, ASB has set up a committee to structure the initiative. The initial efforts will be underway by May 23, which will include sending signatures of 25 registered voters to the Legislative Council.

All in all, there are 70 community college districts from which 500,000 signatures will be needed beginning the end of summer or the beginning of the fall semester.

Star believes student support to get this measure on the ballot is going to be vital if our voices are to be heard.

CBS 'Bleeping' History

The CBS Television Network has apparently decided that it will bleep, substitute, or just plain cut out six "blasphemous" words from it's upcoming eight-hour miniseries based on Watergate figure John Dean's book "Blind Ambition."

Gene Mater, head of the network's program practices department said, "It's not a matter of curse words. Indeed, some curse words have been left in. What it amounts to is bleeping some blasphemies."

Star believes that these "controversial" words should be left in the broadcast because the program's producers re-created the Oval Office conversations exactly from the tape recordings made by former President Richard Nixon. Thus, in essence, CBS will be distorting history.

David Susskind, executive producer of the miniseries, due to air on May 20-23, said vehemently that, "You can't take these words away. You can bleep fiction, but you can't erase history. If we changed the language, we would be accused of whitewashing. This language is essential to history." We agree.

Specifically, the word "Christ" was deleted three times, and the word "God" also three times, said Mater. "In one instance, Nixon says, 'It's the Goddamnedest thing you ever saw.' We've (CBS) made it, 'It's the bleep-damndest thing you ever saw.'"

Star says that this is not an anti-Nixon issue but instead it is an issue of recording history accurately.

COMMENTARY

Flicking 'Off' the Light Switch

CHRISSY JESSEE
Fine Arts Editor

We are always being told to save this and save that as far as energy is concerned. Many of us try to save electricity by only using lights that are in the same room as we are, or by watching television much less.

What about the city's skyscrapers, closed gas stations, and closed shops that line our streets? Why do they leave most of their lights on in the evening when office hours are not being conducted?

I feel this is a great waste of electricity. Why aren't they conserving? Why hasn't President Carter done something about this?

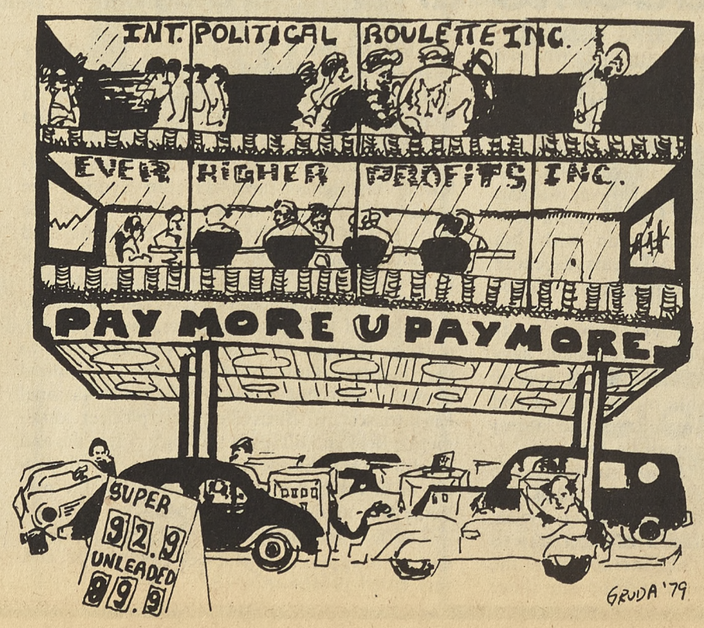
Of course, some of these businesses lights must be left on for crime prevention reasons. However, the lights many of these busineses are leaving on make it look like they are open! How aggravating it gets when you are looking for a gas station and see a lit Union 76 ball and as you are about to turn into the driveway to get $5 worth of unleaded the darn place is closed.

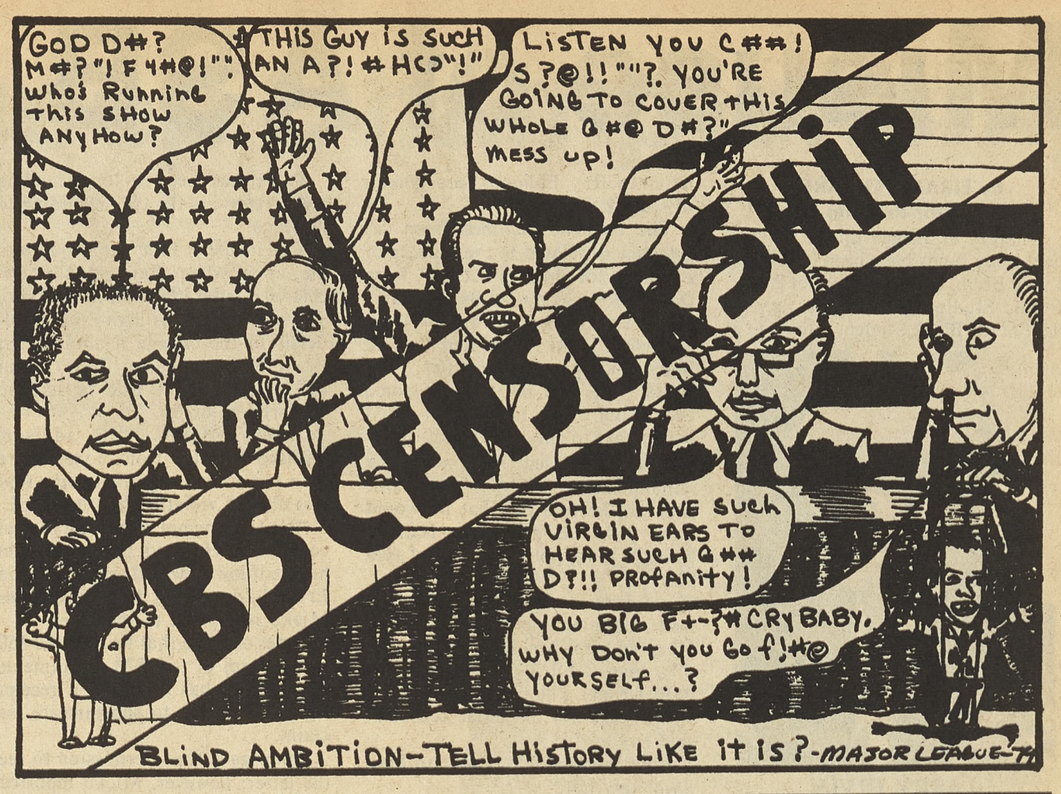
Or how about these clothing or appliance shops that show off their merchandise with colored lights and sparkles. Have these shops ever realized that they may be showing their merchandise off to a criminal?

But the skyscrapers take the cake. The lights being on in two buildings right next to each other may look "neat" from a mile away, but who are in these buildings besides the janitors and guards. It is totally unnecessary to leave the majority of these lights on in these office buildings.

I believe that this situation must be dealt with. Wasted lights are not only left on in Los Angeles, but all over the country. Our energy conscious President could do something about this, but it should begin by these businesses realizing that they can save electricity by turning out unnecessary lights.

This can be easily done by the flicking OFF of a switch, can't it?

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LETTERS TO THE STAR

Iranian Coverage Prejudiced

In regard to Kelley Tabor's past disparaging remarks about the Iranian Students, it was a matter of conscience to let the American people know what their government has been supporting in Iran for the last 30 years. This is why the Iranian Students were protesting.

It is a historical fact that the United States government was directly involved in overthrowing the democratically elected government of Iran in 1953 and replacing it with the absolute dictatorship of the Shah. Now after two years of fighting and over 70,000 casualties the Iranian people have succeeded in wiping out almost all U.S. domination of Iran. The new regime doesn't want to see neither U.S. nor U.S.S.R. interfere in the Iranian political affairs. Apparently Tabor feels that the Iranian people are not capable of governing themselves without U.S. control.

Finally, Tabor has shown a very prejudiced viewpoint in condemning the new government in Iran before it has had a chance to lay out its policies.

The U.S. press tries to show that after U.S. is out, everything is corrupt, but everything is absolutely opposite. There is freedom of religion and independence given to nationalities in Iran.

— Arash, Pour

Information Booth Problems

The Information Booth has been the center of this campus. To top everything, they also take pictures of the students who work in the booth. Therefore, I thought it was hard work for the students in the Information Booth. But, Tuesday around 3:30 p.m. I was on my way home when I saw six elementary children in the Information Booth. I spoke to a member on Student Council suggesting that the booth be removed so that the children wouldn't destroy it.

Apparently, the only answer is: "It's not my fault what happens." "I hire someone to put the booth up and to take it down. If it's not down by 2:00 it's not my job."

I have seen the same attitude from the Student Council. I feel something has to be done about this.

— Romona Adame

Library Hours for Weekends

I would like to bring to the attention of the students at Valley some good news! The Finance Committee of the ASB is in the process of going over a new budget item request: Weekend **Library Hours.**

The Star recently ran a survey by the ASB asking for student input regarding a series of activities they fund. It is my understanding that the survey results shows the library coming in third place. Broadcasting and Speech took top honors.

With all due respect to Broadcasting and Speech, for they surely showed responsive attitudes, the weekend library hours item was the real winner. For this item had no department to bolster support from.

I think the results show a definite want, by the students, for these weekend library yours. I would hope that the Finance Committee and the ASB would see to it that the students wants are taken care of.

— Richard Cowsill
Business Adm. Major

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by noon Monday for the following Thursday.

VALLEY FORGE

Is Student Involvement Just Recent History?

By EIRAM POLLARD
Editor-in-Chief

What has happened to the spirit of student involvement which so encompassed the colleges around the nation in years past?

Some colleges still have students who relish the sense of involvement; however, I feel that to a great degree this feeling of togetherness and need for change has been lost or "swept under the rug" at Valley College.

Yes, some students still get involved with the Associated Students and other various organizations on campus. I applaud these students, I only wish there were more of them.

For the many others, it has been the common practice to drive to school, go to classes, and leave as quickly as possible.

Perhaps one of the things that the students lack is a sense of unity which students on many other campuses experience. At USC and UCLA, the larger part of the student body comes away from a day at school with the feeling, "Hey, I'm a Trojan," or "Back off, I'm a Bruin."

Although Valley will probably never be able to engrave this type of feeling in such a great number of students, I feel that they can instill a greater interest in the students regarding events which happen around them.

Several years ago, the Free Speech area was constructed in the northern end of Monarch Square because the students felt the need for a place to express their feelings about the world around them.

The students of Valley College let the Associated Student Body know that it was important enough to them to have this special area.

However, since coming to Valley, I have seen this facility used very sparingly.

In years past, the ASB would bring one or two world famous speakers to the campus each year. People such as Martin Luther King, Senator Robert Kennedy, and Eleanor Roosevelt. Others such as former Mayor Samuel Yorty and then Councilman Thomas Bradley.

With many clubs on campus today bringing in interesting speakers, why deprive many students by scheduling them in lecture halls, which seat so few?

Many students may not find out about these speakers; however, there is a much greater chance that they may walk through Monarch Square and witness the speaker on their way home.

Besides offering the students an opportunity to express their views, the free speech area should be used to its fullest extent to inform the students as to the world around them.

This year, there are four seats open on the Board of Trustees, which represents the college. These trustees represent the students, yet not one has come to Valley to use the free speech platform. Neither has one official come to inform the students on how the community college system is changing due to Proposition 13.

The ASB generously doles out money to many programs on campus, but why have they failed to schedule any renowned speakers into this college?

The free speech area is one of the most valuable resources available on this campus. It can be used by the students to gain knowledge about many things which are not discussed in the classrooms, it can be used to express new ideas, and it can be used to muster a greater feeling of involvement among the students of Valley College.

Years back, the Associated Students felt it important enough to build this facility, and today it is still important enough to use it to its fullest capacity.

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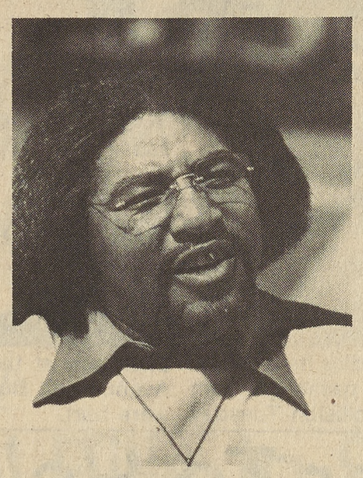
Would You Pay To Go to Valley?

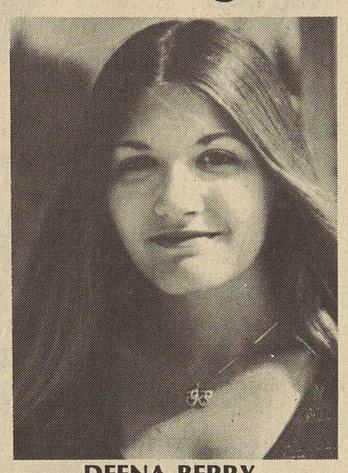
JESSICA BERMAN

"Personally, I would be willing to pay up to $25 as a full time student. Community Colleges are the last bastion. I feel very strongly about community colleges for everyone. For myself though, I would go to a private school for the things I'm interested in."

HUSTON L. SANDERS II

"If I had to pay, I would, even though I get veteran's benefits. You can't get something for nothing. In the east coast it costs $60 a unit. $150 a semester is nothing compared to that."



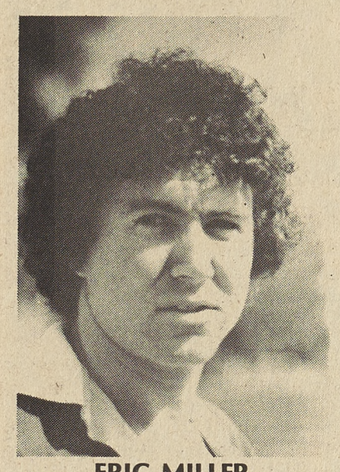


DEENA BERRY

"One-hundred and fifty dollars doesn't seem like much to people that have it, but I would probably have to get a job this summer to pay for it. I would pay it because I like the small classes and good instruction."

BRENDA GRIFFIN

"Thirty dollars is the most I would pay. If there were tuition though, students would become more responsible and drop out of class less."



ERIC MILLER

"I would try to get student aid or transfer to Northridge. Valley is inexpensive. It's hard enough not working and going to school."

PAULETTE MELANCON

"I have financial problems so I wouldn't come to Valley if tuition were charged. Next semester is my last semester, though, so I'll pay it once."

Star photos by Ruth Alvarez

Transfer Students Usually Experience Grade Drops

By CINDY CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

"Valley students transferring to Northridge and other four-year schools are suffering from transfer shock, one of the reasons the grade point differential is low," says Fred Machetanz, in charge of research and records.

"The grade point differential, an average G.P.A. of transferring students, is taken the last semester at Valley. The following semester an average is taken at their new school, and depending on how much the average has dropped is a sign as to how the students have reacted to the new environment," said Machetanz.

The amount of adjusting to the new school could have a definite factor in how high or low the grade point differential will be. Transfer shock seems to play the largest roll in the dip of grade point averages once the students have transferred.

"There's the physical shock of now knowing where things are, and the size of the school can overwhelm the students," he continued. "There is the psychological effect of getting adjusted to."

Overcrowding, resulting in the grading system to be stiff, can also be a determinant. Northridge has been fighting grade inflation, so not many high grades have been given.

Competition is intense as the transferred students are now working and competing with a more select group.

"The students must now compete with others like themselves, as the ones who would lose interest and drop out are no longer there. The junior year for the transferring student is often the most difficult," said Machetanz.

Problems also facing the transferred student, resulting in the lowering of the grade point differential, are that some students are not properly prepared, and although they may be able to transfer, they have not completed taking the prerequisites for the classes they need, which results in the students doing poorly. The differences in techniques the teachers use could also be a factor.

"The teachers could require more paperwork done, and more books to read than at Valley. The students must now reorganize their study plan to compensate the new work load," Machetanz stated. "All of these are possible contributing factors in the lowering of the grade point differential."

Clubs

HILLEL

Hillel's "Valley Haverim," a friendship club for disabled Jewish students, will present Barbara Waxman, of Planned Parenthood, Sherman Oaks, speaking on "Sexuality and the Disabled Student," Tuesday, May 8, at 12 noon in the Cafeteria Conference Room. This program is part of "Handicapped Awareness Week" and co-sponsored with the Commissioner of Handicapped Students, LAVC.

The Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club presents a Yiddish film festival Tuesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Valley Cities Jewish Community Center, 13164 Burbank Blvd., Van Nuys. Featured will be the film "Yiddle with a Fiddle," and "Storm of Strangers." The admission is 50c per person. For information phone Hillel at 994-7443.

INDIVIDUALIST ASSOCIATION

"Free Thought and Libertarianism: Allies Not Enemies," a presentation by libertarian historian Kenneth Gregg, Jr., will be given next Thursday, May 10, at 11 a.m. in Humanities 100. Everyone welcome.

Computer Science Students Offered Free Tutoring Now

Help has arrived for floundering computer science students in the form of cost-free tutoring. Made possible by the federal government, a grant will be given to Valley College under the auspices of the Vocational Education Act.

"Computer science is very popular at Valley; there is an increasing job market for people with skills in the computer technology," said Hugh L. Moore, assistant dean of occupational instruction at Valley. "Students really don't want someone to do their work for them, but they do want the subject to fit together so they can climb from one level of knowledge to another. A little personal help can change a frustrating situation into an exciting experience," he said.

Lee Weissman, who is heading the tutoring program, is a certificated tutor. She has applied the money from the federal grant to hire "personable and enthusiastic" advanced students to help with the tutoring.

Any computer student who is having trouble staying in class or who may be failing should contact their instructor or talk to Weissman, who has an office in the computer lab.

Weissman will work with each student to arrange convenient hours.

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Employment Program Offered This Summer

Thanks to the federal government, the city of Los Angeles will have a summer youth program for 1979. The nine-week summer work period will commence Thursday, July 5, and operate through Friday, August 31.

The employment program, referred to as SPEDY, is designed for disadvantaged youths between the ages of 14 and 21.

The program is designed to expose youth who are basically inexperienced and unskilled in the world of work. It provides, for those who qualify, meaningful work experience while gaining job skills. SPEDY is federally funded and thus participants must meet federal guidelines.

The qualifications listed for SPEDY are: have a social security card, have a work permit if under 17, be a resident of the city of Los Angeles, be between the ages of 14 and 21, have a legal right to work (if not a U.S. citizen), and meet the federal poverty guidelines for economically disadvantaged. The participants will work for a period of nine weeks at minimum wage for an average of 25 hours per week.

A total of 100 openings are currently planned for Valley College under the program. Those who wish to work at Valley during the summer are being directed to apply at the Van Nuys office of the State Employment Office (the corner of Sherman Way and Van Nuys Blvd.). Once at the Van Nuys office the applicant is advised to call Valley Counselor Ray Rosillo at 781-1120 ext. 246 and leave their name, address, and phone number.

"We encourage the handicapped to apply," said Della Ferren, a counselor's aid participating in SPEDY this year. "This program is an exceptional opportunity for students to gain experience. The pay isn't bad either," said Ferren.

Ferren participated in SPEDY last year and admires the program. "Some of the areas the students worked in last year under the program were gardening, library, offices on campus, and the counseling office," said Ferren.

The Summer Program for Economically Disadvantaged Youth is a program established by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA) and the City of Los Angeles.

EMERGENCY ONE — Paramedics help to disengage critically injured female passenger from her Datsun after a three-car collision Tuesday afternoon at the corner of Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Burbank Boulevard. Three others were hurt. Star photo by Josh Kaplan

What's Happening

ASB ELECTIONS

ASB election petitions are now available in Campus Center, Room 100. Completed petitions are due back by Thursday, May 3, at noon, and elections will be held between May 14 and 17. Students wishing to apply must have a 2.0 overall grade point average, carry at least 9 units and be a paid ASB member.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Graduating students who wish to compete in a contest to present a three minute address at commencement exercises, June 13, are urged to come into the Office of Student Affairs, CC 100 before May 4, and sign up.

NOCHE DE LA RAZA

Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 4 in Monarch Hall, sponsored by the Associated Student Body, Mecha and Chicano Studies Department. There is no admittance charge, but donations in canned food are requested.

HOW AMERICA "SCREWS" ISRAEL

Professor Broslawsky insists that America is really not Israel's friend. Hear his program on Friday, May 4 at 10 a.m. in B 46.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

Steve Loving, of the Handicapped Student Affairs Office at Cal State Northridge, will be at Valley on Monday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact the Special Programs Office if you wish to me an appointment with him. The office is in Admin. 126 or call 781-1200, Ext. 267 or 781-8542.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Radio and Television News Association of Southern California is offering two $1,000 scholarships to students who are working toward a career in broadcast journalism. Deadline for filing is August 1, 1979. Also available is $1000 scholarship to USC to a student planning to study accounting. Information concerning these scholarships and others is available in the Special Projects Office, located in Bungalow 35. Dr. Merle Fish is head of the Special Projects Office and encourages students to drop by and ask questions.

EARTH SCIENCE LECTURE

Tuesday, May 8 at 11 a.m. in MS 109, Robert Cooney will lecture on "Stellar Evolution Part I: Formation and Early Lives of Stars."

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1: New student applications available.
May 14: Continuing students obtain priority enrollment appointments according to letter-day schedule.
May 29-June 4: Priority enrollment of continuing students by appointments.
June 8: Application deadline for regular enrollment.
June 13: Commencement at 6:30 p.m. in Monarch Square.
June 18: Summer Session begins.

Counselors Eager To Help All

By RIA VAN DAALEN WETTERS
City Editor

NOTE: This is the fifth in a six-part series of counselor spotlights. Its purpose is to acquaint Valley students with the various counselors available to them in a variety of areas.

Steve Froehlich is down-to-earth as a person and counselor. At 28, he can relate easily to students and their problems, whether academic or personal.

STEVE FROEHLICH

"I love what I do and I think that people who talk to me get that energy," said Froehlich.

Froehlich had problems in school which he finally overcame and feels that his own experience helps him deal with students.

He is enthusiastic about his work and especially enjoys the spontaneity of it. "You never know who is going to walk in. I can't believe sometimes the things we start to talk about; you never know what's going to happen," said Froehlich.

Since coming to Valley last September, Froehlic has tried to make himself visible and available to help. He can often be seen walking around campus, saying "Hi" and stopping to talk.

Froehlich's office is in Administration 124 B.

Marjorie Reed specializes in business administration and office administration counseling, and is also a foreign student advisor.

Reed has a long history of counseling. She has been at Valley for 14 years, seven of which were spent as a teacher in the business department. She visits classes in business and office administration such as accounting, management, and marketing, urging students to see a counselor.

MARJORIE REED

For problems related to the business field in transferring, meeting requirements, etc., Reed is eager to help and enjoys doing so.

"Counseling is great," she summarized, "I love counseling!"

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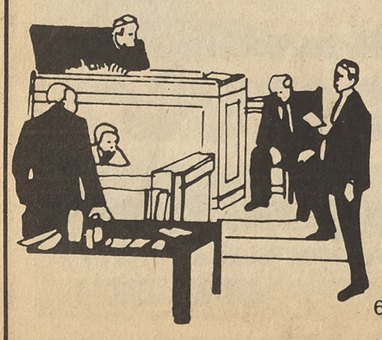
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Truth and Justice Staged For TA Play 'Rashomon'

By PARKER SEEMAN
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

Who is telling the truth? What is the **real** scoop in the rape and killing that took place in a forest a thousand years ago in far off Japan?

To find out, curious VC students and their friends should attend the thought-provoking, tragic, yet witty, stage play "Rashomon," which makes its debut tonight and will continue for a total of six performances on the evenings of May 3-5 and May 10-12 at 8:30 p.m. in the Horseshoe Theater.

General admission is $2 and $1 for students with I.D. For reservations call the Business Office at 781-1200 ext. 318.

"Rashomon" begins as three travelers, a priest (Gregg Berrian), a woodcutter (Alain Waserman) and a wigmaker (Donald Schultz) pause beneath an old ruin called the Rashomon Gate to wait out a rain storm.

To pass the time they discuss the testimony given in court the day before in the case of a slain Samurai warrior (Jerry Roberts) and the violation of his wife (Mary King) by a bandit (Rusty Thomas) in the forest.

While the three odd characters are discussing what they have heard, three versions of the testimony given in court are acted out in the adjoining forest.

Of course each witness to the crime sees it from his or her point of view. Is the bandit a brute or a romantic figure? Is the wife a woman of modesty or a strumpet? Is the husband, through the powers of a medium (Maureen Feinberg), a man or a coward?

Truth has many sides according to the witnesses' testimonies. "They see what they want to see and tell what they want the world to believe," the wigmaker relates to his two companions. "Truth is like a firefly, now you see it, now you don't."

In every version however, the facts remain the same.

There is a fourth version, a witness who saw what really happened in the forest from a not-so-subjective point of view.

The mother of the wife (Anna Marie Carlin) and a deputy (Steve Aufrecht) complete the cast.

The play was written by Fay and Michael Kanin based on two short stories by Ryunosuki Akutagawa. Its Broadway production in 1959 ran for 167 performances. The cast included such notables as Oscar Homolka, Rod Steiger, Akim Tamiroff, and Claire Bloom.

The short story, "Rashomon" by Akutagawa was published in 1915, and his "In A Grove" was published in 1922. However, his works did not gain world-wide reputation until more than 20 years after his suicide in 1927.

The two stories were combined into a Japanese film which won the Grand Prize at the International Film Festival at Venice in 1951.

Valley's production of "Rashomon" is under the direction of John Larson, associate professor of theater arts.

Poem, Poet of the Week

"SUMMER"
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The nights are not so chilly,

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By Suzy Sincock
Student of Valley College

A VOICE FROM THE DEAD—A Medium (Maureen Feinberg) gives testimony on behalf of the slain Samurai warrior. "Rashomon" debuts tonight in the Horseshoe Theater at 8:30 p.m. This play was based on an ancient Japanese fable.
Star photo by Parker Seeman

BOOK REVIEW

'Voices' Fills In Silence

By CHRISSY JESSEE
Fine Arts Editor

"Voices," a novel by John Herzfeld, is a present day story dedicated to gamblers — not the ones who bet on tables — but the ones who bet on people.

Written in simple present tense, "Voices" is not about gambling, though one of the characters is a chronic gambler. Instead, it is the story of a very special kind of a love, not a flaming, passionate love, but a love that has meaning and was "meant" to be.

Drew Rothman, the narrator and main character of the story, is a 29-year-old delivery boy who works for his father's tailoring and dry-cleaning store. He loves to sing and hopes to one day find the right love of his life. Drew's father, Frank, is the chronic gambler who cannot stop himself from gambling away money that has been set aside for the education of his younger son, Raymond, a 15-year-old who's always in trouble. Drew's wise grandfather, Nathan, who also owns the dry cleaning service, is very much against his son Frank's gambling. All four men live in a small apartment in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Author John Herzfeld's style of writing is simple and easy to read. His description of Drew's family, and Drew himself, is easy to picture. He does not use any hard to pronounce adjectives in his descriptions throughout the story.

Through the character of Drew, Herzfeld introduces a warm-hearted individual who falls in love with a beautiful girl named Rosemarie Lemon, a deaf girl whom Drew manages to communicate with in his own way.

"Voices" is the type of story where one may find himself rooting for the main characters all of the way, here being Drew and Rosemarie.

Rosemarie's innocent blue eyes and tender face all the more make Drew admit he has never felt for anyone before he feels for her. Although Drew's acquaintance doesn't hit off too well with Rosemarie's upper middle-class mother, who warns Drew that Rosemarie will hear again, Rosemarie and Drew don't let that get in their way of love.

Through descriptive phrases and quotes, some of which are his song lyrics, Drew sings to Rosemarie of all of the love he has to offer. Though Rosemarie had lost her sense of hearing when she was a child, she hears Drew's message through his caring, understanding, and devotion. Together they build up a love so strong that nothing will get in their way.

The book "Voices" tells the story of how two people helped each other in reaching their most difficult goals. Drew's career as a singer, and Rosemarie's far off dream of becoming a dancer.

"Voices" is a serious story, however, Herzfeld adds touches of humor to the characters dialogue, which makes the story worth reading.

In 222 pages, a sensible love story is told without wasted detail. Herzfeld gives the characters real personalities that are easy to understand. This love story is highly recommended reading because it is unique in its own way.

"Voices" is a paperback published by Warner Books and costs $1.95.

Original Musical Numbers To Highlight Sunday Concert

Valley's Music Department will present the music of Dr. Anthony Palmer, assistant professor music, on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. in the Choral Hall, Music Room 106. The concert is being presented for free.

Palmer's compositions are largely in voice and choral forms, but he has also composed a few chamber instrumental works.

His interests in the theater led to a one act opera he wrote called, "The Gold Watch," and a musical comedy "Piper" based on "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

The vocal Palmer numbers selected for the Sunday program are three songs with texts from Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," two songs from "The Gold Watch," and a scene from the opera "All God's Chillun Got Wings," by Eugene O'Neill. Piano accompaniment is by Laura Vincent and Robert Young. Also, Myron Myers, baritone, sings "Drei Deutches Lieder" with Kathleen McIntosh, instructor of music at the piano.

Additional offerings are a concerto for bassoon and string quartet; a dance sequence from Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" for harpsichord and played by Kathleen McIntosh; and "Fusion I," a work for Japanese and western instruments.

Palmer holds a B.A. with voice-choral as his major, and an M.A. in composition from California State University, Los Angeles. He received a Ph.D. from UCLA and was awarded the Alumni Award for Outstanding Doctorate graduate from the College of Fine Arts, 1975-76. Several of his choral compositions have been published.

Fine Arts Happenings

PLANETARIUM PRESENTS:
"THE GREAT COSMIC DISASTER SHOW"

This Friday night, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. Valley's Planetarium will present its first show and lecture on "The Great Cosmic Disaster." Admission is $1 for adults, 75 cents for children 5 to 16, and 50 cents for Gold Card holders. Jon Hodge of the Griffith Park Observatory will be guest lecturer. For more info. call 781-1200, ext. 390. This is the first lecture out of a series of four.

SENIOR-JUNIOR PROM

On Sun., May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Men's Gym, the Senior-Junior Prom will be held. Admission is free. Members of the Senior Adult Program Advisory Committee, the Seniors of America, the Associated Students of Valley, the Senior Students Club, and the U21/Under 21 Press Club of America, unite to present a program of dancing and entertainment designed to bridge the generation gap . . . close dancing, disco, and other dances to the music of two bands. Dates are not mandatory. Complimentary corsages for the ladies.

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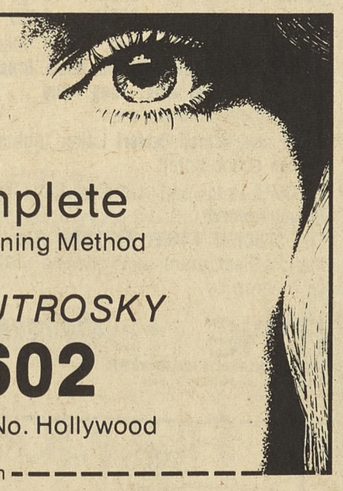

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Top Ranked Glovers Take Two-Game Lead

By JIM DESIMIO
Assoc. Sports Editor

Winning three Metropolitan Conference games last week by a combined score of 33-9, the Monarch mittmen, aided by El Camino's win over second-place Long Beach, now have a two-game lead with three games left in the second round and seem to be in control.

After having played Pasadena on Tuesday (with the results unavailable at press time), Valley ranked #1 in the state, visits Mission this afternoon at 2:30, and then host El Camino Saturday at noon in the season finale. The Monarchs need only win two of the three games to win the second round and avoid a Metropolitan Conference playoff series, since Valley also won the first round.

"The Three Stooges aren't any looser than these guys," said head baseball coach Dave Snow, referring to his team, the winningest in Monarch history, when asked if their two-game lead would take any pressure off of them and loosen them up as they head into the final week of the regular season. "But I don't think we'll have a letdown due to lack of concentration, either," he added.

Valley's fielding was suspect last Tuesday at East Los Angeles Community College, as they committed seven errors which allowed four unearned runs for East LA, but the Monarch batters provided the whip as Valley mushed the Huskies, 12-6.

Dave Yobs led the team against the Huskies, with four hits in five at-bats and three runs-batted-in. Carson Carroll and David Oliva each went three-for-four, Russ Stephans hit a two-run homer, and John Stevenson drove in a run to give him 42 for the season, breaking the record of 41 set by Babo Castillo, now a Dodger pitcher.

Bobby Jones took the mound against the Huskies and lasted the necessary five innings to pick up the win. Jones is now 6-0.

Thursday at Bakersfield, VC's Mike Digiacomo hurled seven innings to pick up his 11th win in 12 decisions as the Monarchs scalped the Renegades, 12-3. Digiacomo's 11 wins overall ties a Valley College record, while his seven league wins ties another one.

At Bakersfield, Carroll once more went three-for-four, this time collecting three RBI's in the process. Chris Smith also had three hits in four attempts, Yobs was two-for-three, and Stevenson had only one hit but came up with four RBI's to run his total to 46.

Saturday, Pierce College stampeded into Valley, but the Monarchs slaughtered the Brahma Bulls, 9-0. Smith and Stephans both collected three hits in four trips to the plate for Valley, with Smith knocking in a pair of runs. Yobs also had two RBI's with a two-run homer, and Carroll went two-for-four.

Scott Olshane tied the Valley College record by throwing six scoreless innings and picking up his seventh league win. Olshane is now 10-0 overall. Doug Anderson finished up on the mound for the Monarchs and pitched three perfect frames, sending nine straight Brahma Bulls out to pasture to pick up his second save.

HOT CORNER—Valley College third baseman Lori Lyneis of heralded softball team looks ready to handle any "hot" smashes that might come her way. Lyneis is also hitting a hot .467 to lead Monarchs.
Star photo by Josh Kaplan

Softball Playoffs Quest

After a strange incident during one of their games last week, the women's softball team here at Valley may or may not be going to the playoffs beginning in one week.

The incident occured here in the Valley of the Monarchs when LAVC's heralded softballers hosted Pasadena City College. Valley had clobbered PCC's Lancers twice before this season, but nonetheless the game was to determine the Metro Conference's second place team behind El Camino, with the winner getting a probable bid to next week's Southern California Regionals at Golden West College in Huntington Beach.

With the score sent to extra innings with a 1-1 deadlock in the bottom of the ninth inning, a runner on first with two outs and Valley's leading hitter Lori Lyneis (.467) at the plate, not a cloud in the sky, the water started pouring down on the field. It seems that Valley College's groundkeepers had set the sprinkler timers for the water system to go off, nobody could shut them off, and the game had to be postponed. Talk about suspense.

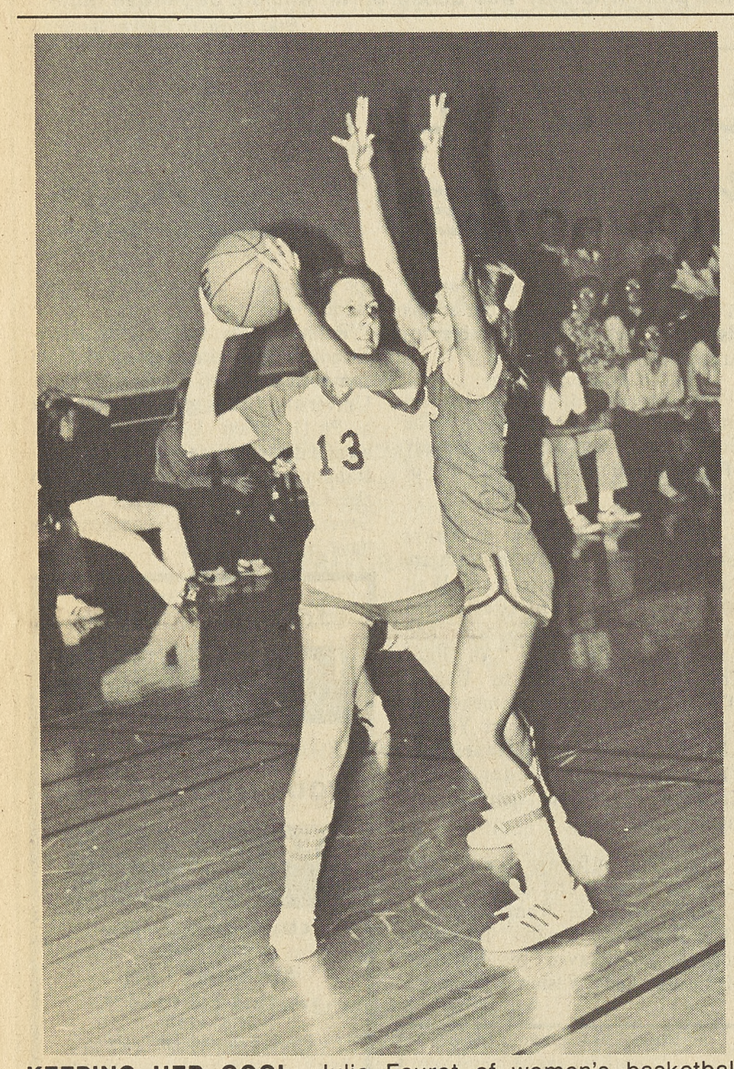
The game had been a scoreless dual through four full innings before Pasadena's Clegg Mudd hit a lead-off homer to left field. Valley's left-fielder Jeannie Ramirez then led-off the bottom of the inning with a single, stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball, and then scored on a wild pitch to tie the ball-game. Ramirez also got a lead-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning but was stranded at third to send the game into extra innings.

Two days later at Long Beach City College the Monarchs registered an easy 7-3 victory. Leading the offense for LAVC were Shelly Bly (3-4, a homer and a triple), Katie Cross (3-3 with a home run), and Lorel Roehl (2-4 with a double).

— CONTE

Athlete of Week

It's hard to pick a stand-out player on Valley's incredible baseball team, but by going nine-for-twelve in three games last week second baseman Carson "Spider" Carroll has earned the honors (April 24-30). It's Carroll's second time named as Valley College's Athlete of the Week.



KEEPING HER COOL—Julie Faurot of women's basketball team seems undaunted by Pierce defense in 69-64 win last week. Faurot had season high 17 points in front of largest and most enthusiastic home crowd of year.
Star photo by Dale Randell

Lady Monarchs Dribble For Last Time Today

By LANNY CONTE
Sports Editor

Valley's women's basketball team's season comes to an end today when the Lady Monarchs travel to Long Beach City College for a 3:30 p.m. tip-off.

Valley, whose record is now 6-4 after running their longest winning streak of the year to three games after two victories last week, has the opportunity to play the spoiler against LBCC, who is battling Pasadena for first place in the Metro Conference.

Last Tuesday the Monarchs played what might have been their finest all-around game of the year at Bakersfield in a 74-51 victory over the Runnin' Renegades before returning home Thursday to turn back rival Pierce College 69-64 in another well-played game.

At Bakersfield the Monarchs spent much of the first five minutes of the game doing nothing before reeling off ten straight points. They never looked back from then on, and, in fact, with 7:21 still left in the first half Valley Head Coach Rick Beress called for his team not to humiliate their opponents.

In this game LAVC had their team season highs in steals and assists with 27 and 25, respectively in an all out team effort. The leading ball bandit for Valley was Jackie Pyle with six steals while Cathy Elvin, Gerri Anderson, and Mary LaJoy led the game with six assists each.

Other impressive statistics for the game were made by Kathy Kelly (19 points, 14 rebounds, five steals, and two blocked shots), LaJoy (14 points and five steals), Elvin (13 points, five steals, and three blocks), and Nancy Lutzhoff (10 points and five steals).

Two nights later Pierce College jumped off into a 22-12 lead and held the advantage until 6:07 into the second half before the Monarchs tied the score. Forty seconds later Valley had the lead for keeps when center Kelly put in an offensive rebound. The Monarchs led by as much as 14 before hanging on to win.

Kelly again led all VC scorers with 18 points. She also had 17 rebounds and five blocked shots; Julie Faurot, enjoying her finest game of the year, had 17 points and four assists; LaJoy had 16 points; Elvin had 10 points, five assists, and three blocks; Anderson had ten rebounds and five assists, and Pyle again led all thiefs with four steals to go with her four assists.

Sports Update

BADMINTON — Valley College's 0-9 co-ed badminton team will be hosting the Metro Conference Badminton Tournament today through Saturday.

TENNIS — Both the Men's and Women's teams have high hopes for the Metropolitan Conference Championships taking place today through Saturday at Bakersfield College. Last week in the Ojai Tournament, Steve Kuchele and Jerry Beller both lost first-round matches for the men, while Alma Bojourquez, representing the women, fared slightly better, advancing to the second round before losing out.

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